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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**In Re Application of:** Michael Austin  
**Application No.:** 09/966686  
**Filed:** October 1, 2001  
**For:** A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONTRACTING,  
LOADING OR CRIMPING SELF-EXPANDING AND  
BALLOON EXPANDABLE STENT DEVICES  
**Examiner:** Marc Quemuel Jimenez  
**Group Art Unit:** 3726

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**Docket No:** S63.2N-10142-US

**PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR §1.136**

Petitioners, **SciMed Life Systems, Inc.**, hereby request a one month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed July 02, 2002. This petition is accompanied by \$110.00 as set forth in 37 CFR §1.17 and is filed prior to or with the response.

Any outstanding fee for extension should be charged to our Deposit Account, No. 22-0350.

Respectfully submitted,  
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